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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
(Continuation of 09/154,156; Filed: September 16, 1998)
Appl. No. 09/845,784; Filed: May 2, 2001
For: **Gel Loading Adaptor**
Inventors: Ally et al.
Our Ref: 0942.4360002/LEA/DTJ

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated May 17, 2001, Applicant(s) submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
5. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) citing twenty-one (21) references (AA1-AK1 and AA2-AJ2);
6. Return postcard; and
7. Our Check No. 31768 for \$ 840.00 to cover:
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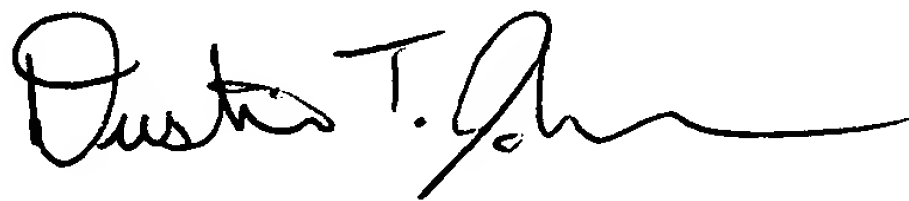
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Respectfully submitted,

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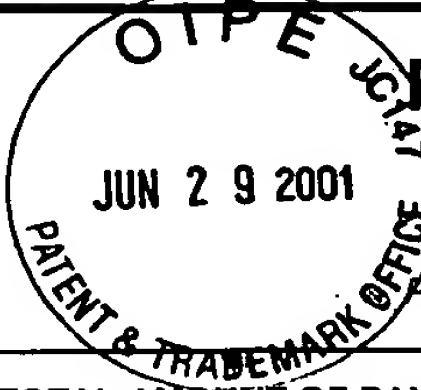
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